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SUMMARY : THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROSCRIPTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA (OPANAL) HELD A BRIEF EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ON THE MORNING OF FEB 14 TO COMMEMORATE THE 10TH ASSNIVERSARY OF THE TREATY OF TLAZELOLCO. MOST OF THE SESSION CONSISTED OF COMMEMORATIVE SPEECHES, ALTHOUGH OPANAL PREDICTABLY PASSED A DECLARATION CALLING ON ALL NON-LATIN AMERICAN STATES HAVING RESPONSIBILITY OVER TERRITORIES IN THE TREATY ZONE TO SIGN AND RATIFY ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS I OR II. THE DECLARATION ALSO INDORSED THE IDEA OF OPANAL BECOMING AN INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL AGENCY FOR LATIN AMERICAN EFFORTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY. PRESENTATION OF THE USG POSITION CONCERNING ITS CURRENT EXAMINATION OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY

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INCLUDING ITS REVIEW OF THE QUESTION OF ADHERENCE TO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I, WAS WELL-RECEIVED AND THE MOST NOTEWORTHLY EVENT OF THE SESSION. IT RECEIVED AMPLE PRESS COVERAGE.

1. THE US STATEMENT (REFTEL) WAS PRESENTED IN WRITING TO OPANAL SECGEN GROS ESPIELL SHORTLY BEFORE THE SESSION

OPENED, WITH THE PRIOR CONCURRENCE OF THE US DELEGATION, THE SECGEN REQUESTED THAT THE STATEMENT BE PLACED IN THE RECORD BY AN OPANAL STAFF MEMBER. THE STATEMENT, WHEN READ, STIMULATED A SPONTANEOUS BURST OF APPLAUSE. THE MEXICAN DELEGATION SEEMED PARTICULARLY PLEASED BY THE US STATEMENT. THE FAILURE OF BOTH THE USSR AND CUBA TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THIS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION SERVED TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE FORTHCOMING TONE OF THE UNITED STATES STATEMENT.

2. IN ADDITION TO SPEECHES, OPANAL MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A COMMEMORATIVE DECLARATION WHICH CONTAINED TWO POINTS OF INTEREST TO US:

A. A STRONG CALL TO "ALL NON-LATIN AMERICAN STATES HAVING DEJURE OR DE FACTO INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OVER TERRITORIES SITUATED IN THE ZONE OF APPLICATION OF THE TREATY, TO SIGN AND RATIFY ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I, AND THAT THE ONE NUCLEAR POWER WHICH HAS NOT YET SIGNED AND RATIFIED ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II, TO BECOME A PARTY TO IT IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

B. A STATEMENT OF OPANAL'S DESIRE TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL AGENCY FOR THE "COORDINATION, ORGANIZATION, PLANNING, AND SYSTEMATIZING" OF LATIN AMERICAN EFFORTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY.

ALTHOUGH OPANAL AGREED TO SUBMIT ITS DECLARATION TO THE SECGEN OF THE UN, IT MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE UN SECURITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL OR THE APRIL 75, RESOLUTION.

3. STATEMENTS WERE ALSO MADE BY REPS OF THE IAEA, THE UN, PANAMA (SPEAKING FOR ALL THE MEMBER DELEGATIONS) MEXICO, AND THE SECGEN OF OPANAL. SEVERAL SPEAKERS CALLED UPON THE NUCLEAR NATIONS TO ADHERE TO THE PROTOCOLS, BUT THEIR STATEMENTS WERE MODERATELY WORDED AND NO NOTE OF ACRIMONY EMERGED. COMPLETE TEXTS OF THEIR STATEMENTS, ALONG WITH THE TEXT OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED DECLARATION, WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPT.

COMMENT : US STATEMENT WAS PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF CORRIDOR CONVERSATION AND RECEIVED PROMINENT PRESS COVERAGE. WHILE CAREFULLY WORDED AND NON-COMMITTAL, THE POSITIVE TONE OF THE US STATEMENT IS LIKELY TO RAISE OPANAL AND MEXICO'S EXPECTATIONS CONCERNING THE EVENTUAL WILLINGNESS OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO SIGN PROTOCOL I.
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